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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Lieber, Richard, 1869-1944
Title	Richard Lieber papers
Date	1892-1958
Extent	6.1 Cubic feet 17 manuscript boxes, 1 small oversize box
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials in English and German.

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Biographical Note

Richard Lieber was a German-American businessman who became the father of the Indiana State Parks system. He was born in Dusseldorf, Germany around 1869. He moved to Indianapolis, Indiana in 1891 and was naturalized on February 6, 1901. His first job was working as a reporter for the *Indiana Tribune*, and married the daughter of the newspaper's owner, Phillip Rappaport. Richard and his wife, Emma had three children: Otto Walther, Ralph Willard, and Dr. Maria Jeannette Lieber.

He became affiliated with conservation after several trips to Yosemite National Park and the Rocky Mountains of Idaho and Montana. Working with President Theodore Roosevelt, Lieber promoted conservation efforts in the United States.

In 1916, Lieber identified the need for Indiana to have a state park system. He encouraged Governor Samuel M. Ralston to start a committee with himself as the chairman. The first two parks acquired were McCormick's Creek and Turkey Run, opening in December 1916. As the Conservation Commission Chairman until the early 1930s, he created ten state parks and five memorials in Indiana.

Lieber died in 1944 while visiting McCormick's Creek's Canyon Inn. His ashes, as well as Emma's, are buried at Turkey Run State Park.

Information found within the collection.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence; financial documents; photographs; and drawings; brochures; social invitations; naturalization papers; outlines of right and left foot; from many persons and governmental units in the United States and Germany, in English and German, ranging from 1892-1958 regarding Abraham and Nancy Hanks Lincoln; monuments; family matters; National Park Service; Indiana State Parks; Thomas Hart Benton; Civilian Conservation Corps; Indiana World's Fair Commission and other subjects.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Richard Lieber papers, 1896-1958, undated

Series 2: Richard Lieber oversize, 1892-1900

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation by the Indiana Department of Conservation on 1960/11/28.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Civilian Conservation Corps.
- Indiana Lincoln Union.
- Indiana State Parks.
- Indiana World's Fair Commission.
- United States. Forest Service.
- United States. National Park Service.

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Photographs

Personal Name(s)

- Adams, John T. (John Taylor), 1862-1939
- Ball, Frank Clayton, 1857-1943
- Benton, Thomas Hart, 1889-1975
- Bishop, Richard E. (Richard Edgar), 1892-1973
- Daniels, E. H.
- Delano, Frederic Adrian, 1863-1953
- Goodrich, James P. (James Putnam), 1864-1940
- Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923
- Hays, Will H. (Will Harrison), 1879-1954
- Hoover, Herbert Clark, Pres. U.S., 1874-1964
- Ickes, Harold L.
- Leslie, Harry G. (Harry Guyer), 1878-1937
- Lieber, Otto Walther
- Lindbergh, Charles A.
- McCormick, Joseph Medill, 1877-1925
- McNutt, Paul V. (Paul Vories), 1891-1955
- New, Harry S. (Harry Stewart), 1858-1937
- Olmsted, Frederick Law, 1822-1903
- Rappaport, Philip
- Scherrer, Anton, 1878-1960
- Schricker, Henry F. (Henry Fredrick), 1883-1966
- Vonnegut, Alex, 1888-1975
- Watson, James E. (James Eli), 1863-1948

Subject(s)

- Forestry and natural resources
- Manuscript
- Parks--Indiana
- Scrapbooks
- Speeches, addresses, etc.

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Collection Inventory

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	Box	Folder
Indiana Lincoln Union documents, 1897-1937	1	1
Indiana Lincoln Union documents, 1938	1	2
Indiana Lincoln Union documents, 1939	1	3
Indiana Lincoln Union documents, 1940	1	4
Indiana Lincoln Union documents, 1941	1	5
Indiana Lincoln Union documents, 1942	1	6
Indiana Lincoln Union documents, 1943-1944, undated	2	1
Indiana Lincoln Union: Architect's monthly reports, 1940-1942	2	2
Indiana Lincoln Union: sculpture panels papers, 1940-1942 May	2	3
Indiana Lincoln Union: sculpture panels papers, 1942 June-1943, undated	2	4
Indiana Lincoln Union: Illinois sculpture panels photographs, undated	2	5

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Indiana Lincoln Union: Kentucky sculpture panels photographs, undated	2	6
Indiana Lincoln Union: cornerstone laying documents, 1941	2	7
Indiana Lincoln Union: cornerstone laying photographs, 1941	2	8
Indianapolis programs, music lyrics and newspaper clippings, 1896-1932, undated	3	1
Family and personal correspondence and papers, 1896-1939	3	2
Family and personal correspondence and papers, 1940-1968	3	3
Drama documents, 1899-1940, undated	3	4
Walther Lieber eulogies, 1928	3	5
Family materials, 1899-1944, undated	3	6
Philip Rappaport writings, undated	3	7
General correspondence and papers, 1905-1921 May	4	1
General correspondence and papers, 1921 June-1921 Sept.	4	2
General correspondence and papers, 1921 Oct.-1921 Dec.	4	3

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General correspondence and papers, 1922 Jan.-1922 June	4	4
General correspondence and papers, 1922 July-1922 Dec.	4	5
General correspondence and papers, 1923 Jan.-1923 June	5	1
General correspondence and papers, 1922 July-1922 Dec.	5	2
General correspondence and papers, 1925-1932	5	3
General correspondence and papers, 1933-1934	5	4
General correspondence and papers, 1935	5	5
General correspondence and papers, 1936	5	6
General correspondence and papers, 1937	6	1
General correspondence and papers, 1938	6	2
General correspondence and papers, 1939 Jan.-1939 July	6	3
General correspondence and papers, 1939 Aug.-1939 Dec.	6	4
General correspondence and papers, 1940 Jan.-1940 Apr.	6	5
General correspondence and papers, 1940 May-1940 Dec.	6	6

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General correspondence and papers, 1941 Jan.-1941 Apr.	7	1
General correspondence and papers, 1941 May-1941 Nov.	7	2
General correspondence and papers, 1942 Jan.-1942 May	7	3
General correspondence and papers, 1942 June-1942 Sept.	7	4
General correspondence and papers, 1942 Nov.-1942 Dec.	7	5
General correspondence and papers, 1943 Jan.-1943 Apr.	7	6
General correspondence and papers, 1943 May-1943 Aug.	7	7
General correspondence and papers, 1943 Sept.-1943 Dec.	7	8
General correspondence and papers, 1944	7	9
American Planning and Civic Association correspondence and papers, 1939-1944, undated	8	1
Annual State Park record forms, correspondence and papers, 1939-1940	8	2
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) correspondence and papers, 1933-1943	8	3
Flood control correspondence and papers, 1937	8	4

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt federal government reorganization correspondence and papers, 1937	8	5
Franklin Delanor Roosevelt federal government reorganization correspondence and papers, 1938	8	6
National Conference on State Parks correspondence and papers, 1928-1934	8	7
National Conference on State Parks correspondence and papers, 1935-1936	9	1
National Conference on State Parks correspondence and papers, 1937-1938	9	2
National Conference on State Parks correspondence and papers, 1939-1941	9	3
National Conference on State Parks correspondence and papers, 1942	9	4
National Conference on State Parks correspondence and papers, 1943-1944, undated	9	5
U.S. Forest Service shortcomings correspondence and papers, 1917-1935	9	6
U.S. Forest Service shortcomings correspondence and papers, 1936-1938, undated	9	7

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Turkey Run State Park tribute correspondence and papers, 1932	10	1
Turkey Run State Park tribute invitations, acknowledgements, correspondence and papers, 1932/10/14-1932/10/20	10	2
Turkey Run State Park tribute invitations, acknowledgements, correspondence and papers, 1932/10/21-1932/11/12	10	3
Commissioner appointment correspondence and papers, 1933	10	4
Commissioner resignation correspondence and papers, 1933	10	5
Indiana Association of Park Departments correspondence and papers, 1934	10	6
Indiana World's Fair Commission correspondence and papers, 1932-1933	10	7
Indiana World's Fair Commission correspondence and papers, 1935-1942, undated	10	8
Wabash College lectures, 1939	11	1
Speeches, 1918-1933	11	2
Speeches, 1935-1944	11	3
Speeches, undated	11	4

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Speech note cards, undated	11	5
America's Natural Wealth correspondence, 1938-1941	12	1
America's Natural Wealth correspondence, 1942	12	2
America's Natural Wealth correspondence, 1943-1944, undated	12	3
America's Natural Wealth manuscript and source material, undated	12	4
America's Natural Wealth "Feast of Famine" manuscript, 1940	12	5
America's Natural Wealth "Our Natural Resources and We, Forward-Chapter 3" manuscript, 1940	12	6
America's Natural Wealth "Our Natural Resources and We, Chapters 4-5" manuscript, 1940	13	1
America's Natural Wealth "Our Natural Resources and We, Chapters 6-7" manuscript, 1940	13	2
America's Natural Wealth "Forward-Chapter 3" final draft, 1940	13	3
America's Natural Wealth "Chapter 4-5" final draft, 1940	13	4
America's Natural Wealth "Chapters 6-7" final draft, 1940	13	5
America's Natural Wealth reviews, 1942-1943, undated	13	6

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National Park Service (NPS) Advisory Board papers, 1936	14	1
NPS Advisory Board correspondence and papers, 1937	14	2
NPS Advisory Board correspondence and papers, 1938 Jan.-1938 May	14	3
NPS Advisory Board correspondence and papers, 1938 June-1938 Dec.	14	4
NPS Advisory Board correspondence and papers, 1939 Jan.-1939 May	14	5
NPS Advisory Board correspondence and papers, 1939 June-1939 Dec.	14	6
NPS Advisory Board correspondence and papers, 1940	15	1
NPS Advisory Board correspondence and papers, 1941	15	2
NPS Advisory Board correspondence and papers, 1942	15	3
NPS Advisory Board correspondence and papers, 1943-1944, undated	15	4
NPS Consultant correspondence and papers, 1934-1939	15	5
NPS Consultant correspondence and papers, 1940	15	6
NPS Consultant correspondence and papers, 1941	16	1
NPS Consultant correspondence and papers, 1942-1944	16	2

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National parks and forestry, 1933-1944, undated	16	3
State parks documents, 1928-1941	16	4
State parks documents, undated	17	1
Indiana State Parks general documents, circa 1921-1942, undated	17	2
Indiana State Parks specific documents, 1925-1958, undated	17	3
Conservation documents, 1925-1937, undated	17	4
Economic development documents, 1927-1943, undated	17	5
European travel documents, 1933-1940, undated	17	6
Insurance documents, 1910-1943, undated	17	7
Miscellaneous, 1921-1945, undated	17	8
Thomas Hart Benton documents, undated	17	9
United States government and history documents, 1934-1939, undated	17	10
Richard Lieber obituaries and tributes, 1944-1971	17	11
Emma Rappaport Lieber, 1947-1955	17	12

Series 2: Richard Lieber oversize, 1892-1900

Richard Lieber State Park, 1958	17	13
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	Box	Object
Scrapbook, 1892-1899	18	1
"German Activities in Indianapolis" scrapbook, 1899-1900	18	2